

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the paragraph appearing in lines 1-9 on page 3 of the specification as follows.

A preferred aspect of the present invention includes the steps of forming a cylindrical column jacket, forming a pair of joint projections comprising inner surfaces in a circular arc shape conforming to an outer surface of the column jacket on a bracket, temporary fitting the projections of the bracket along the outer surface of the column jacket, and crimping the projections into the outer surface of the column jacket, with a punch applied with an inner surface of the column jacket being supported by a die.

Please amend the paragraph appearing from line 24 on page 11 to line 12 on page 12 as follows.

Hereunder is a description of an embodiment which is different from the above. This embodiment is an application example for a bracket for attaching a combination switch. In ~~FIGS. 7(a) and (b)~~ FIG. 7, a bracket 11 for attaching a combination switch is mounted on the column jacket 3. The bracket 11 comprises a pair of joint projections 11a and 11b. The pair of projections 11a and 11b are formed on the bracket 11 in a similar procedure to the method described in the above embodiments. That is, the pair of projections 11a and 11b are

symmetrically formed with respect to the center of the bracket, so as to protrude from the side face. Inner surfaces 11c and 11d of the projections 11a and 11b are formed in a circular arc shape conforming to the outer surface of the column jacket 3.